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*Mike. Star*NEW CENTRE FOR PSYCHOPHYSICAL STUDIES TO OPEN AT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

This September, a pioneering Centre for Psychophysical Studies, co-sponsored by the Centre for Continuing Education of Concordia University and the International Institute of Integral Human Sciences, is opening at 2130 Bishop St. in Montreal.

The Centre will offer a full program of courses which may be taken individually or as part of an integrated program leading to a Certificate in Psychophysical Studies. Experimental Parapsychology, Psychic Healing, Dream Studies, Biofeedback, Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Esoteric Metaphysical Systems, Hypnosis, Tai Chi, The Mind-Brain Revolution, Yoga: these are just some of the courses included. In addition, there will be evening and weekend workshops, lectures, discussion groups, films and conferences, in both English and French, throughout the year.

Facilities of the Centre will include a lounge and reading room, as well as, eventually, a laboratory for psychophysical research. The Centre has been created to provide a forum for scientific, educational and cultural activities in a wide variety of expanding areas of research; it will be a meeting place to communicate, explore and expand.

This past March, Concordia University, in conjunction with the Department of Religion, hosted the first Canadian Academic Symposium on Meditation, Mystical and Psychical Experience and Non-Medical Healing. The response was enthusiastic: an unprecedented 10,150 people participated. Among many - students, professionals, educators, people of all backgrounds - there was a demand for something further, a way to develop and explore their common interests, to learn and discuss, to exchange insights and experiences.

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People wanted to find out from qualified professionals and researchers about the new innovative approaches by which science is uncovering insights into man's body, mind and spirituality, into the nature of bioenergy, of paranormal experience, of psychosis, of healing and of personal growth. The Centre has been created to meet this need.

Among the instructors giving courses in September will be: Prof. E. Douglas Dean, of Newark College of Engineering, co-author of Executive ESP, past president of the Parapsychological Association and a pioneering researcher; Prof. Nicholas Regush, co-author of The Psi Catalogue and Mind Search, and author of The Human Aura; Rabbi Jerry Steinberg, former consultant with the Alternatives to the Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate, Ottawa, who has conducted extensive research in dream therapy and stress-reduction techniques; Dr. William Huang, consultant to the Holistic Healing Centre, who has many years experience in both Oriental and Western medical techniques; Hal Myers, currently conducting research in biofeedback for the Department of Experimental Medicine, Royal Victoria Hospital; Prof. Rooshikumar Pandya; ~~Dr. Richard Sommer~~, and many others.

The Centre is a part of the program of the International Institute of Integral Human Sciences, whose primary functions are the stimulation, coordination and conducting of research and educational programs in human psychophysical integration and psychospiritual awareness. The Institute has a transcultural, non-denominational, non-ideological, and interdisciplinary perspective. Among the directors and fellows of the Institute are: J.B. Rhine, Marshall McLuhan, Arthur Koestler, Rollo May, Charles Tart, Cleve Backster, Elmer Green, John White, Humphrey Osmond, Houston Smith, Rabbi Joseph Gelberman, Canon William Rauscher, Gopi Krishna, Jan Ehrenwald, Thelma Moss, J. Norman Emerson, and Douglas Dean, along with many other psychologists, philosophers, doctors and researchers around the world. The president of the Institute is the Rev. Prof. John Rossner of the Department of Religion, SGW Campus, Concordia University, who was also the chairman and organizer of the March symposium.

The public is invited to come and get acquainted with the staff, facilities and programs of the new Centre at an Open House which will be held Monday, September 20, from 5:30 to 9:00 PM at the Centre, 2130 Bishop St., Montreal. For further details on courses call Continuing Education, Concordia University, at 879-2865. For more information on the Institute and the Centre, write to: The International Institute of Integral Human Sciences, P.O. Box 1387, Station "H", Montreal, P.Q. H3G 2N3. Or call Charles Small, assistant to the president, at 879-2899 or 738-1949.

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